GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
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SHORTAGE OF MARINE ENGINEER
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of marine engineers and other skilled personnel required for shipping industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details regarding the present strength and capacity of technical institution in various States for marine engineers and other skilled personnel, State-wise;

(c) the estimates for requirement of such personnel as per the latest review; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for establishing marine engineering colleges and introduce courses in technical institutions to meet the manpower requirements of shipping industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The training establishments run by the Government and other private institutes are capable of imparting training to about 1570 Marine Engineers and 600 engine room ratings per year. The State-wise break up is as follows: -

S.No.	Name of State	No. of officers	No. of Ratings
1.	Maharashtra	464	Nil
2.	Goa	55	160
3.	Kerala	100	NIL
4.	Tamil Nadu	412	440
5.	Andhra Pradesh	98	NIL
6.	West Bengal	400	NIL
7	Delhi	40	NIL

(c) There is an estimated requirement of 1120 marine engineers for the ships under Indian Registry.

(d) To meet the manpower requirements of shipping industry, the Government took a decision in 1997 to encourage private sector participation in the establishment of maritime training institutes. As a result of this, the output of Marine Engineers has increased from a little over 700 in 1998 to about 1570 marine engineers as at present.